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In re Application of:)	Art Unit:
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DETECTION OF EXPLOSIVES)	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination upon the merits, kindly amend
as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

B1 3. (Amended) A method according to Claim 1 or 2, wherein the solvent is selected from the group consisting of lower alkanols, dimethylsulfoxide, N, N-dimethylformamide, carboxylic acids, especially acetic acid and trifluoroacetic acid, and sulfonic acids.

B2 5. (Amended) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the strong acid is selected from the group consisting of H₂SO₄, HCl, HBr, HClO₄, H₃PO₂, H₃PO₃, H₃PO₄ and HNO₃.

8. (Amended) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the pH is adjusted by said buffer to about 5.0 to about 9.0.

B3 9. (Amended) A method according to Claim 8, wherein the buffer is about 0.01 to 0.5 M citrate/phosphate buffer.

10. (Amended) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the peroxidase enzyme is Horseradish peroxidase.